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SUMMARY: THIRD SESSION OF SENIOR ENVIRONMENT ADVISERS
CONSIDERED THREE TOPICS IN DEPTH AND REVIEWED WORK PROGRAM
COVERING ALL AREAS OF ACTIVITY. PRIMARY ATTENTION GIVEN
TO TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS, ENVIRONMENTAL
ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES AND PROBLEMS OF NON-WASTE
TECHNOLOGY. IN ADDITION THERE WAS LENGTHY DEBATE OVER
ROLE OF SENIOR ADVISERS AND PROBLEMS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN
ENERGY FIELD. SENIOR ADVISERS ENDORSED CONTINUED ECE
ACTIVITY ON INVENTORY OF LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF SO2
AND AUTHORIZED WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION TO ASSIST
IN DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL MODALITIES OF A PROGRAM FOR
MONITORING AND EVALUATING LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR
POLLUTION IN ECE REGION BEGINNING WITH SO2. SENIOR
ADVISERS MADE CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON PROGRAM OF
COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS AND ADOPTED PRAGMATIC
PROGRAM ON NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY. SECRETARIAT STUDY
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ON ENERGY CONSTRAINTS SEVERELY CRITICIZED. SENIOR

ADVISERS ROLE IN ENERGY FIELD REQUIRES MORE SERIOUS ATTENTION, ESPECIALLY WITH VIEW TO BETTER COORDINATION WITH- IN ECE AND WITH OTHER UN BODIES. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS WAS FOLLOW-ON TO RECENT ACTIVITY ON LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF SO₂ WHICH INCLUDED BILATERAL SOVIET-NORWEGIAN CONSULTATIONS, OSLO MEETING OF EXPERTS AND MEETING OF ECE WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION. SENIOR ADVISERS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE WORK ON INVENTORY OF SO₂, POLLUTANTS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES AND ENDORSED THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SOVIET AND NORWEGIAN EXPERTS COMPLETE THEIR REPORT DURING 1975. THEY ALSO AUTHORIZED THE WORKING PARTY TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNICAL MODALITIES OF A PROGRAM FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATING LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE ECE REGION BEGINNING WITH SO₂.

2. A NUMBER OF ADVISERS STRESSED THE NEED TO INCORPORATE RESULTS OF THE OECD TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION PROJECT AND TO COOPERATE WITH WMO, WHO AND UNDEP. HIGH PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HARMONIZATION OF EVALUATION AND MEASUREMENT METHODS. NORWAY REPEATED THE OFFER MADE AT THE ECE WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION THAT THE NORWEGIAN INSTITUTE FOR AIR RESEARCH WOULD UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS AND PREPARATORY TECHNICAL WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

3. SENIOR ADVISERS ALSO ENDORSED OTHER PARTS OF THE WORKING PARTY PROGRAM INCLUDING A DESULFURIZATION SEMINAR (WASHINGTON); GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL OF EMISSION SOURCES FROM SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, BEGINNING WITH NON-FERROUS METALLURGICAL INDUSTRIES; STUDY OF FINE PARTICULATES; SEMINAR ON AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS OF THE INORGANIC CHEMICAL INDUSTRY (1976).

4. DISCUSSION OF NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY WAS EXTENSIVE WITH FREQUENT REFERENCES TO NATIONAL EXPERIENCE. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR FURTHER ECE ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD WITH A BALANCE TO BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD A SEMINAR ON THIS SUBJECT IN FRANCE IN 1976.

5. DISCUSSION ON WATER RESOURCES CONCLUDED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS BE INCORPORATED INTO WATER MANAGEMENT BY ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND STANDARDS. FIRST STEP WOULD BE EFFORT TO DEVELOP COMMON METHODOLOGY FOR ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND STANDARDS RATHER THAN COMMON

STANDARDS. MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDE: QUALITY OF WATER, CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES, INTEGRATION OF WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY RELATIONSHIPS IN PLANNING, USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS IN WATER PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING, ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL PARAMETERS, GREATER ATTENTION TO GROUND WATER, INTER-BASIN WATER TRANSFERS, COASTAL AREAS, AND TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS. INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS WERE REFERRED TO WHERE INTERNATIONAL RIVERS OR SHARED WATER COURSES ARE INVOLVED.

6. U.S. OFFERED THE VIEW THAT INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND IMPACT EVALUATIONS AS REQUIRED UNDER NEPA HAS PROVED OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO DECISION MAKERS IN SELECTION OF WATER RESOURCE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. U.S. PROPOSED THAT SENIOR ADVISERS CONSIDER PREPARATION OF COUNTRY MONOGRAPHS COVERING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY, LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS NOW IN EFFECT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES AS FIRST STEP IN DEVELOPING COMMON OR COMPATIBLE CONSIDERATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. SENIOR ADVISERS, HOWEVER, MADE NO DECISION ON THIS PROPOSAL.

7. U.S. ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE FROM SENIOR ADVISERS TO WORK WITH A SIMILAR ONE FROM THE WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE WORK PROGRAM OF THE WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE BE REVIEWED FOR AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION. A US PAPER IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF THE WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE THAT SHOULD BE REVIEWED FOR CHANGES IN PRIORITY, GAPS, OR AREAS OF JOINT PARTICIPATION WITH SAE WAS CIRCULATED TO DELEGATES AND THE SECRETARIAT WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A VIEW TO ITS USE BY PROPOSED TASK FORCE AND ITS CONSIDERATION BY THE WATER COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN TO CREAT SUCH A TASK FORCE.

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8. TWO OF THE MORE SENSITIVE AND CONTROVERSIAL PAPERS DISCUSSED BY THE SENIOR ADVISERS RELATED TO ENV/R.31 AND SC.TECH/AC.2/R.4 ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY "CONSTRAINTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN LONG-TERM PLANNING TO AVOID FUTURE MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ENERGY PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION" AND "ENVIRONEMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AND USE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO NEW TECHNOLOGY". SENIOR ADVISERS WERE ASKED TO APPROVE ENV/R.31 FOR WIDE DISTRIBUTION AND TO COMMENT ON LATTER DOCUMENT WHICH IS A PROPOSED SCOPE OF A STUDY TO BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY WITH SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

9. WITH EXCEPTION OF AUSTRIAN DELEGATE (BLAU) WHO ACKNOWLEDGE HE DID NOT REPRESENT PREVAILING AUSTRIAN POSITION, US AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS VIGOUROUSLY CRITICIZED THE CONSTRAINTS PAPER (ENV/R.31) AS AN UNBLANCED, JOURNALISTIC, INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF THE LONG-TERM CONSTRAINTS THAT MIGHT HAVE TO BE PLACED ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOCUMENT WAS SEROUSLY AND UNFAIRLY BIASED AGAINST THE FAST-BREEDER AND LARGE CENTRAL STATIONS; THAT IT CONTAINED SEVERAL INACCURACIES; THAT IT DID NOT APPROPRIATELY ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF OTHER ENERGY OPTIONS; AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANY DISTRIBUTION. BOTH THE WMO AND IAEA REPS ALSO

CRITICIZED TEXT NOTING THAT NEITHER AGENCY HAD BEEN CONSULTED IN PREPARATION.

10. RE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES, US REP ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER ECE COULD UNDERTAKE VERY MUCH NEW AND USEFUL IN NUCLEAR FIELD BEYOND THOSE FIELDS (THERMAL POLLUTION) ALREADY UNDER ECE STUDY. WE URGED THAT ECE BE CONFINED TO THOSE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHERE IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE AN ADDITIVE AND UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION. SOVIETS WERE EVEN MORE OUTSPOKEN IN THEIR COMMENTS THAT ECE SHOULD NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH RADIATION AND NOTED, AS DID US, IMPORTANT WORK IAEA DOING IN FIELD. MOST OTHER DELS APPEARED TO SUPPORT US VIEWS WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF BLAU WHO IS SELF-STYLED CRITIC OF AUSTRIA'S CURRENT NEAR TERM PLAN TO INSTALL TWO NEW NUCLEAR PLANTS. LATTER QUESTIONS RE SCOPE OF JOINT STUDY PRESUMABLY WILL COME UP AGAIN ON OCCASION OF APRIL MEETING OF S&T EXPERT GROUP.

11. COMMENT: THIS SESSION WAS BETTER ORGANIZED AND MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN EARLIER SESSIONS. PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN DEPTH DISCUSSION OF THREE TOPICS WAS REASONABLY EFFECTIVE. GREATER EMPHASIS ON PROCEDURAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WAS PLACED ON THE AIR POLLUTION AND WATER ITEMS.

12. MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION WAS SUPPORT FOR NORWEGIAN ACTIVITY ON TRANBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION. SUGGESTIONS BY US ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES SHOULD STRENGTHEN WORK OF AND COORDINATION WITH WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE. DISCUSSION ON NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY WAS SUBSTANTIVE AND PRAGMATIC PROGRAM ADOPTED FOR FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

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13. SENIOR ADVISERS ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY FIELD ARE NOT WELL DEFINED AND ECE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION HAS NOT PERFORMED WELL IN THIS AREA. JOINT ACTIVITY WITH SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAY PROVIDE BASIS FOR MORE PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS BY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS.

14. DESPITE IMPROVEMENT NOTED AT THIS SESSION, THERE STILL REMAINS SERIOUS PROBLEM OF COORDINATION OF ECE ACTIVITIES IN ENVIRONMENT AMONG SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS WAS MOST EVIDENT IN CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY QUESTIONS. SECRETARIAT ALSO APPEARS TO BE SPREADING LIMITED RESOURCES

OVER TOO WIDE AN AREA. ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
BETTER CONCENTRATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES.
MANDATE TO THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE MORE PRECISE IN
ORDER TO AVOID REPETITION OF THE UNSATISFACTORY TYPE
OF WORK MANIFESTED IN THE ENERGY CONSTRAINTS PAPER.

15. THERE WAS GROWING CONSENSUS THAT WORK PROGRAMS
SHOULD BE MODEST IN ORDER TO REDUCE INVENTORY OF
ONGOING PROGRAMS PENDING RESOLUTION OF CSCE ISSUES. END COMMENT. DALE

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